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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0057

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, SU, ET
SUBJECT: SUDANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS

REF: KHARTOUM 009

1. AMID CONTINUING TENSION IN SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, RUMOR CIRCULATING LOCALLY RE SOME UNSPECIFIED SUDANESE REINFORCEMENT ETHIOPIAN BORDER AREA. BRITISH MILATT BELIEVES STORY ACCURATE BUT LACKS DETAILS, INCLUDING WHETHER ANY SUCH STRENGTHENING WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

2. COINCIDENTALLY, WIDELY PUBLICIZED ROTATION OF AT LEAST PORTIONS OF TWO SUDANESE BATTALIONS IN LEBANON ALSO APPEAR UNDERWAY (REFTEL BEING REPEATED ADDIS SEPARATELY). SAG AMBASSADOR HAS CONFIRMED TO
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AMBASSADOR THAT SAUDI C-130S BEING USED FOR FOUR DAYS OF FLIGHTS IN PERIOD JANUARY 2-10. SINCE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE USED JAN 2, THIS MIGHT REPRESENT TOTAL EIGHT SORTIES BY C-130S. SUDAN TV HAS REPORTED THAT FIRST TROOP ELEMENT FROM LEBANON RETURNED JAN 5. LACKING OUR OWN DATA, WE UNCLEAR PRECISELY HOW MANY TROOPS MAY BE BEING ROTATED FROM LEBANON OR HOW MANY

C-130 FLIGHTS WOULD BE REQUIRED. WOULD WELCOME ANY
INFO EASILY AVAILABLE BEIRUT RE MOVEMENTS SUDANESE UNITS
INTO AND OUT OF LEBANON SINCE JAN 1.

3. COMMENT: COINCIDENCE HIGHLY VISIBLE EVIDENCE AT
AIRPORT HERE OF SUDANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS
WITH HEIGHTENED GOS/EPMG TENSION COULD FUEL
LOCAL SPECULATION RE SUDANESE REINFORCEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN
BORDER AREA. AT TIME BOTH GOVERNMENTS SEEM MOVING TO
LOWER TEMPERATURE (ADDIS 0095; KHARTOUM 0046),
ANY SUCH SPECULATION COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. BREWER

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